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BISHOP ISRAEL WILL SPEAK AT ST. LUKE'S

Next Wednesday evening, March 12, the people of Smethport and vicinity will have an opportunity to hear Bishop Israel tell of his experiences over seas. On that date he will visit St. Luke's parish and at the services that evening starting at 7:30, he will relate some of his experiences in war-torn Europe. The citizens of Smethport and vicinity are cordially invited to attend this service.

Upon the conclusion of this service held in the parish house in honor of there will be an informal reception the Bishop and Rev. W. E. Van Dyke at which time an opportunity will be given everyone to shake hands with these returned war workers. The Bishop was in service nearly two years and his remarks on this occasion will be of great interest to everyone.

GOING TO CAMP LEE.

Rev. E. H. Edson, who has been in charge of St. Luke's parish during the absence of the rector, Rev. W. E. Van Dyke who is in the Y. M. C. A. service, is preparing to leave the last of this month for Camp Lee Virginia where he will be engaged during the months of April and May as civilian chaplain, sent there by the War Commission of the Episcopal church. During the nine months or more that Rev. Mr. Edson has been in Smethport he has endeared himself to the community and it is with the keenest regret that his departure is contemplated. He has been an indefatigable worker in the affairs of the Red Cross, Council of National Defense and other war time activities, as well as his regular church work. His services during the influenza outbreak were invaluable to the people of this town and vicinity. He is an enterprising citizen that the town can ill afford to lose, but the people while sincerely regretting his departure extend to him and Mrs. Edson their very best wishes for future health and prosperity with the assurance that a very cordial welcome ever awaits them in Smethport. Monday evening a meeting was held in the parish house in the nature of a farewell to Rev. Mr. Edson. About 50 men were present and Rev. Mr. Edson gave a most splendid talk on this occasion.

A. E. F. WOODSMEN ARE WORKERS.

A recent issue of the Stars and Stripes tells of the activities of the American E. F. Woodsmen in France and is particularly of local interest as Ghordis Peckersgill and Cecil Metzgar are in that branch of the service. The article says in part:

"Imagine a barracks 600 miles long and 20 feet wide, big enough to house the whole American E. F. at the time of the armistice and to spare; imagine a flag pole 435 miles high; or enough fuel wood to make a rick three feet long, three feet high and 600 miles long.

"That is one way of showing what the forestry division of the A. E. F. has accomplished since it got under way in 1917. And the17,000-odd members were still whirlwinding along at a merry old clip when the Kaiser sneaked out of the ring.

"At present the forestry men, working 107 sawmills at 76 places in France, are busy cleaning up and geeting out fuel wood for the Army of Occupation as well. Incidentally they are members of the biggest regiment in the world, the 20th Engineers, and to them are attached in addition 28 Engineer service companies."

AUCTION SALE OF FINE FARM.

As will be seen by a two-page advertisement in this paper, the Southernview dairy farm, also known as the A. B. Armstrong farm, 5 1-2 miles east of this place, near Farmers Valley, will be sold at public auction Friday, March 14, commencing at 10 o'clock. The sale will also include the fine herd of cattle on the farm, as well as horses, swine, farm implements, etc. This farm contains 142 acres of nice land, a large portion of which is already for spring planting; there are two producing gas wells on the farm from which free gas is available for all farm purposes. There are well built dwelling houses, barns, hog-houses and all the general farm outbuildings. This farm is rated one of the very best in McKean county and its sale at auction will attract wide interest.

McKEAN COUNTY FARMERS ATTENDING FARMERS' WEEK.

Dr. Haines of Bradford, Miss Anna McCarey and James Carlson of Turtle Point; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richards of Kushequa, and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Crossman, of Smethport represented McKean county at the Annual Farmers' week held at State College, February 24 to 28th inclusive. We fully realize that it is a long distance to travel for the farmers of the county but any one who has ever gone will say that they have been repaid for their time and money expended. Some of the best live stock men in this country appeared on this program and gave information that is almost invaluable. Some of these men were as follows: H. W. Collingwood, editor of "Rural New Yorker;" H. H. Killdee, Iowa State College; H. N. Morse, New York; T. T. Munce, Harrisburg; W. H. Pew, Ravanna, Ohio; Geo. M. Putman, Contcocock, N. H.; as well as the men of our own experimental station and college.

Nine hundred and forty-six farmers registered which means that there were perhaps fifty or seventy-five at least who did not register. The question to the time for Farmers' Week was put before this group of men and was decided upon unanimously that Farmers' Week should be held in June, and the first one in June, 1919.

It is hoped that at least a few auto loads may be sent from this county in the form of a tour and joining those of other counties on the way to the College, where at that time of year all experimental work pertaining to live stock, grains, grasses and orchards can be seen at their best. Drop into the Farm Bureau office and help plan for an auto tour in June through to Snow Shoe. Experiments to the Experimental Station at State College.

DEATH OF OWEN MALONE

Owen Malone, a well-known resident of this place died at the hospital in Ridgway Saturday morning March 1, 1919 at nine o'clock, death being caused by pneumonia.

He had been employed at Wilcox, Pa., where he was taken sick February 13th and removed to the hospital in Ridgway where everything possible was done to restore him to health, but without avail.

The deceased was born at Meadville, Pa., on April 6, 1880, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Malone, deceased. He came to Smethport a number of years ago and was for a long time employed at the Berney-Bond Glass Factory.

The remains, accompanied by his wife, were brought to Smethport on Monday morning and taken to his late home on Forrest Ave., where the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. E. H. Edson and interment made in Rose Hill cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mar. Connelly Malone, one son, Edward and a daughter, Margaret.

Mr. Malone was well and favorably known and had a host of friends who were sorry to hear of his demise.

SHINGLEHOUSE WAS DEFEATED

At the Lyceum last Friday evening the Smethport basketball tossers defeated the Shinglehouse team without any trouble, the final score being 55 to 11. Shinglehouse looked dangerous for the first five minutes but after that they were plainly outclassed. The Smethport Allied band furnished music during the evening and a dance was enjoyed after the game. There was a large crowd in attendance.

AUCTION SALE.

Bills have been issued announcing an auction sale at the farm of W. H. Swort, 3-4 mile south of Farmers Valley, Wednesday, March 26. The sale will include cattle, a team of colts and a quantity of farm machinery. A complete list of the property to be sold will be published next week.

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McKEAN COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS DESERVE MORE PAY

By County Supt. C. W. Lillibridge.

For several months a movement has been on foot to have the General Assembly pass a law providing for an increase in the salaries paid to public school teachers. That the demand of teachers for a salary increase is on the one hand just, and on the other hand absolutely necessary is recognized by all parties who are conversant with existing conditions.

The United States Commissioner of Education, P. P. Claxton in a recent address makes this statement: "Teachers are now paid less for their work than any other class of workers, and the increase in their pay in the last few years has nowise been in keeping with the increase in pay of other workers, or with the increase in the cost of living. While the cost of living has increased approximately 80 per cent, the salaries of teachers have increased only about 12 per cent.

"Many of the better teachers are leaving the schools and their places are taken by men and women of less native ability, less education and culture and less training and experience."

What are the conditions in Pennsylvania? The following statistics have been prepared by the State Board of Education.

What is the average monthly pay of men teachers in the State?

Seventy-one dollars.

What is the average monthly pay of women teachers in the State?

Fifty-one dollars.

How much more pay do men teachers receive to-day than they received six years ago?

Only $5.30 a month.

How much more pay do the women teachers now receive than they did in 1912.

Only $3.08 a month.

In these six years has the cost of living advanced?

Yes, it has risen in three years according to official United States Government figures, over 80 per cent.

How does that effect the teachers of Pennsylvania?

It means that the cost of living has gone up ten times faster than the pay of men teachers and twelve times faster than the pay of women teachers.

How did the wages of school teachers generally compare with that of other workers before the war? . . . .

The average pay of carpenters was then $302 a year, coal miners $800, factory hands $550, common laborers $513 and school teachers $485.

This year the government ordered an increase in the pay of all railroad employees averaging $200 for every one.

In two years the largest steel company in America has increased the pay of its working force eight different times and the average exceeds the $200 obtained by the railroad employees.

But during the same period, the average pay of Pennsylvania school teachers has advanced less than $20 per year.

What is the result of this failure to increase teachers' wages while the cost of living and the pay of others has been boosted so largely?

Great numbers of young men and women have quit the teaching profession for a more lucrative occupation.

Does Pennsylvania spend more on its public schools than do other states in this part of America?

No, it spends a great deal less.

New Jersey spends 43 cents out of every $100 of that State's taxable wealth on its public schools; Ohio spends 35 cents; Indiana 39 cents; Illinois 29 cents and Pennsylvania only 27 cents.

Only twenty of the forty-eight states pay lower salaries to teachers than Pennsylvania. Fifteen of those states are in the South, are notably poor and have poor school facilities.

What are the conditions existing in McKean county? The following statistics concern the 234 teachers in McKean county exclusive of the schools of Kane and Bradford. The salaries of the 37 highest paid teachers average less than $839 per year or less than $70 per month, while the salaries of the remaining 197 teachers average less than $550 per year or less than $46 per month. There are a few teachers in the county, many in the State who receive the minimum salary, $45 per month, for a term of seven or eight months. After paying for board $24, $27 and as high as $36 per month there is little left for other living expenses to say nothing of funds for summer schools and better professional training.

The preceding statements make it clear that salaries of teachers in Pennsylvania must be raised if our school efficiency is to be kept at its present status, to say nothing of an increasing efficiency. McKean county is in Pennsylvania although in the matter now under discussion it is too near New Jersey, New York and Ohio. The first two states have drawn some of our good teachers, more in fact than we have received from them. We have one Ohio teacher in the county while Akron, Ohio, alone has taken in the past seven years fifty or more of our best teachers. All these states are considering further salary advances to teachers.

Facts are stubborn things. Let us consider a few. Is it not a fact that in most business enterprises the worth of an employe to a concern is supposed to increase rather than decrease with the continued service of the employe. In our biggest enterprises salary schedules are based on this principle.

In 1911 there were 226 teachers enrolled in the county schools. We have but 43 teachers now teaching in the county who were employed in 1911. There are 48 of the 226 who are teaching elsewhere. Where are the remaining 135?

Then again there are but 73 teachers who were enrolled in 1914 who are at present teaching in the county. Of these 73 teachers who remain in the county but 34 are teaching in the same district in which they were engaged in 1914.

Furthermore there were 95 teachers lost to McKean county during the summer vacation of 1918. This number out of a total of 234 makes a large percentage of loss during one school year.

Generally the teachers who went from McKean county to teach elsewhere or to take up work for the government or corporate interests ranked high in teaching skill. Teachers of this character make up the backbone of the profession. If the best interests of education are to be served it is necessary in some manner to provide such salaries for teachers of this character as will keep them in the teaching profession, and keep them at the same time in McKean county. It is safe to estimate that fully 90 per cent. of the teachers who went from the county could have been held by a salary increase of $10 to $20 per month. The greater number of the teachers who left are McKean county girls who prefer if salaries are reasonably equitable to remain at home. Any considerable aid from the State will enable our school boards to meet the salary inducements of districts outside the State. The salary schedules in McKean county compare favorably with those of cities in Pennsylvania considering the difference in cost of living and other items of expense.

It is true that school directors and superintendents in McKean county have found it a very difficult matter to keep all schools supplied with teachers. This has been done but all previous standards of academic and professional training have been practically thrown to the winds in the effort to supply teachers. Conditions are far worse in other counties of the State. Teacher shortage is not, however, due to lack of $400 teachers. The usual number of provisional certificates were granted to the usual number of applicants in 1917 and in 1918. But there were more than the usual number of places to be filled owing to the migration of $500 and $600 teachers to other sections for more lucrative positions as teachers and clerks. There is no demand for McKean county high school graduates to teach outside the county but there is an insistent call for our better and more experienced teachers. In order to stop the leak where should the remedy be applied?

Now it must be admitted, as was stated in an article appearing in the McKean County Democrat, that lawmakers in shaping school legislation should consider the good of the child but there is another school axiom of equal primary worth: "As the teacher so the school." Courses of study, school equipment and buildings avail nothing unless they are accompanied by an energetic, forceful, trained teaching corps. In the profession of teaching as in every other business the matter of salary cannot generally be separated from the qualities mentioned. Any legislation that makes teachers more contented and enables them to secure better professional and academic training is a direct benefit to the child in the school. There is no legislation that will more directly contribute to this end than such an increase in teachers' salaries as will keep the best teachers in the profession, lead our strongest high school graduates to choose teaching as a career and at the same time afford teachers sufficient funds above mere living expenses as will enable them to make suitable preparation for the best professional work.

At the present writing there are at least two bills before the house committee on education. One proposes that each school district shall receive in addition to the general school appropriation 25 per cent. of the present salary schedule, and that such an amount shall be distributed justly and equitably in salary advances by the school directors of the district.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Term of Criminal Court Adjourned Wednesday.

The regular term of Criminal court adjourned Wednesday afternoon after completing the criminal schedule, appointing Hon. R. B Stone, Sheridan Gorton, Hon. W. W. Brown and Hon. W. E. Burdick as a memorial committee on the death of the late W. J. Milliken, Esq., with instructions to report at the next term of court, and fixing to morrow, Thursday, for hearing of motions.

Park Dalton of Kane, was found not guilty of furnishing liquor to men of known intemperate habits by the trial jury, county to pay costs.

J. C. McConnell, assault and battery was found not guilty on the committing the act and also aforesaid. An order of court committed him to the State Hospital for the Insane at North Warren.

A verdict of guilty was returned against Fred Stein, indicted for aggravated assault and battery and the defendant was fined $25 in addition to costs and 45 days in the county jail.

Charles Donohue, convicted of assault and battery was sentenced to one dollar, fine, costs and three months in the Allegheny county workhouse.

Clayton Ostrander, who was convicted of larceny was committed for not less than one year nor more than two years to the western penitentiary.

The grand jury returned a true bill in the charge of false pretense against Michael Goldman and the case was continued to the next term. The body found not a true bill in the C. H. Cook case and placed the costs on his wife, the prosecuting witness. As this latter action was without legal warrant the county will defray the expense.

Claude Bennett, charged with larceny, was adjudged not guilty by the trial jury.

James Kettle, George Spignard, 14 years old, and Herbert Nichols, 11, burglary, whose cases were certified to the juvenile court, were disposed of finally, Kettle and Spignard being sent to Morganza and Nichols to the institute at Polk.

Joe McQuiston, whose plea of guilty was for a second offense of the same nature within a short time, was given nine months in county jail. George Clark, an accomplice, was paroled for one year.

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RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS

Rev. VanDyke, who has been in the Y. M. C. A. service overseas since June 1, 1918, returned to America Friday last on the Rochambeau, and is now spending a furlough at his home here. Mrs. VanDyke met him in New York City.

Rev. VanDyke is rector of St. Luke's church here and Friday evening at the regular service will give a talk on his experiences overseas. As his whole term of service was spent near the front he will have many interesting incidents to relate and his friends look forward to that occasion. Next Sunday morning at 10:30 he will conduct the regular service. Holy Communion will be celebrated and a service of thanksgiving and in observance of the beginning of lent will be held.

Rev. VanDyke is in the best of health and looks as though his strenuous experiences had agreed with him. He was connected with the famous fighting 27th division which is composed largely of New York troops. His many friends welcome him home and hope that he may soon be released from Y. M. C. A. service and return to his parish here.

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Smethport, Pa., March 6, 1919.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Mrs. Fred Dikel of Farmers Valley left last Saturday for a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Olean and Buffalo, N. Y.

—Mrs. C. E. Walker was at Bell's Camp a few days this week to visit her husband, C. E. Walker, who is receiving treatment there and is rapidly improving, which is pleasing news to his hosts of friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Green were Olean visitors Tuesday.

—Miss Grace Olmstead, who is attending Westbrook's college, Olean spent the week end at her home in this borough.

—Private William Louis Young has received his honorable discharge and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young of East Smethport. He was a member of Co. F, 2nd Inf., T. R. Bn. and trained at Camp Lee before going overseas. He was mustered out at Camp Dix last week. Private Young has contributed an American steel helmet to the collection in the window of Council of National Defense headquarters.

McKEAN COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS DESERVE MORE PAY.

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It has been stated that a 35 per cent. increase in salary based on the salary schedule of 1918 is unfair, inconsistent and visionless as districts having a high salary schedule would receive a greater proportion of the money advanced by the State for salary increase than would the district which has been paying lower salaries. It might be pointed out that it is impossible to make a general law touching upon any point appertaining to school or other matters that would not in specific instances prove inconsistent and even unjust.

However, let us examine concrete examples. Hamlin township has an average monthly salary of $89 for nine months while Eldred township pays $50 per month for eight months. Wetmore township with 14 teachers has a total yearly salary list of $8978, while Ceres with 11 teachers has a yearly schedule amounting to $5440. There is no doubt that 25 per cent. of $89 is greater than 25 per cent. of $50 and that one-fourth of $8978 is greater than one-fourth of $5440. Hence a seeming inconsistency in the proposed measure. The argument was extended to cover Pittsburgh and Philadelphia where much higher salaries are paid to some teachers than are generally paid in other sections of the State. The conclusion drawn in the communication to the Democrat was that "Pittsburgh and Philadelphia teachers would fill their coffers at the expense of the rest of the State" while teachers from rural sections with lower salary schedule would at once rush to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to help shake the "plum tree." We must bear in mind that if the "picking" proved so good there would be fewer vacancies to be filled by school boards and their political friends.

Furthermore the writer did not take into consideration the fact that many of the teachers in the Pittsburgh district and in Philadelphia are paid salaries that average but little more than the minimum. The greater cost of living in either of these cities to a great extent equalizes the difference in salaries. The single item of street car fare amounting in some instances to $10 per month.

It is alleged that this measure favors the large centers and the districts with a high salary list. This inconsistency is more than offset by the inconsistency of two school laws which now determine the distribution of the state school appropriation to the several districts. Reference is made to the Minimum Salary law of 1906 and 1917 and that section of the Code which apportions the school appropriation to the districts.

The Minimum Salary law provides for minimum salaries to teachers of $45, $55 and $60 to be determined by the kind of certificate held by the teacher. Section 1213 of the Code further provides that the increase in all salaries made necessary by this law shall be paid out of the general school appropriation before distribution of the same can be made to the districts based one-half on the number of children and one-half on the number of teachers.

In 1906 Smethport school district paid the primary teacher $40 per month. In 1919 the primary teacher holds a certificate that calls for a minimum salary of $60 per month. The difference between the salary paid in 1906 and 1919 is $20 per month which is paid to Smethport district out of the State school appropriation. In fact this difference in salary, with thousands of others similar to it, must first be taken from the general appropriation for the schools before that appropriation can be apportioned among the several districts, based one-half on the number of teachers and one-half on the number of school children in the district.

Let us again consider Ceres and Wetmore townships. In 1906 Wetmore township had a salary schedule of $35 per month. The Minimum Salary law of that date fixed the minimum at $40 and $50 per month. As a result Wetmore township received nothing from the State by way of Minimum Salary refund from 1906 until 1917 while Ceres which had in 1906 a salary list of $35 and $40 per month received yearly from the school appropriation amounts running from $900 to $1200. These sums, with thousands like them, were first deducted from the general school appropriation, then what remained was apportioned among the districts on the basis of teachers and children. Ceres and other districts receiving refund under the Minimum Salary act, also coming in for a proportionate share of the remaining school appropriation. In 1917 Wetmore received $180 under the new Minimum Salary law while Smethport received $1003.50 and Ceres $1280. Other and as striking examples might be multiplied in the county and throughout the State. Pittsburgh and Philadelphia get nothing because of the Minimum Salary law but the rich counties of Berks, York and Lebanon get respectively: $106,330; $77,415 and $94,968. The tax rates in the cities are at the limit fixed by law, while the mileage in the counties named is: Berks 6.1; York 9.85; Lebanon, 5.75.

Let us consider the disposition of money appropriated by the Legislature for school purposes after the item of Minimum Salary refund has been deducted. The remainder is distributed to the districts, "based one-half on the number of children of school age and one-half on the number of teachers employed by the district.

A recent communication to the Democrat laid down the inflexible rule that "schools exist for the good of the child and that any school legislation that did not directly proceed to that end was vicious, visionless and unphilosophical."

State Appropriation, public money, should then especially be apportioned among the several districts in proportion to the number of school children in the district. So many children, so much "good" to be received for them.

Why did the Legislature inject this matter of, "one-half on the number of teachers?" Why this inconsistency? Who gets the benefit? It was discovered in many rural sections of the State there are districts sparsely settled. Geographical conditions together with a thinly scattered population make it necessary to maintain a proportionately greater number of schools in such a district than in districts thickly inhabitated. The distribution of one-half the school appropriation on the number of teachers gives all such districts of the State a greater school appropriation than they would otherwise receive. In 1918 Mt. Jewett borough had 12 teachers and 327 children of school age while Ceres township had 12 teachers and 163 school children.

Based on the number of school children alone, Mt. Jewett would receive twice the school appropriation received by Ceres. Based on the number of teachers and pupils Ceres received in the ratio of three to four rather than one to two. A just division when all the factors were taken into consideration.

Another measure drawn up by Zimmerman of Dauphin county provides for salary increases as follows: "That minimum salaries of public school teachers be increased from $45, $55 and $60 per month to $60, $75 and $85 per month, provided further that the State shall pay $15 additional per month to each rural school teacher holding a certificate higher than a provisional; that the State pay 40 per cent. of the salaries of all teachers and principals up to but not including $100 per month."

Teachers receiving from $99 to $149 shall receive an advance of 20 per cent; salaries from $149 to $199 an advance of 15 per cent; salaries from $199 to $249 an advance of 5 per cent. The State shall pay 50 per cent. of the salary advance of salaries above $99 per month.

This measure also provides for the repeal of the Minimum Salary Law. "Rural teachers" are those who teach in one, two or three-room buildings situated in open country or in villages not incorporated.

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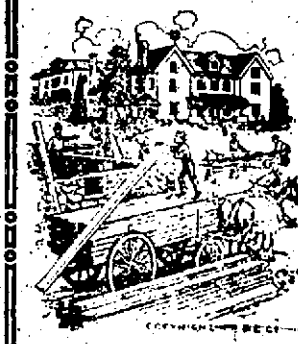

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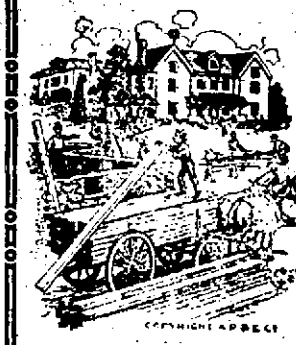

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Mrs. E. R. Amster was an Olean shopper Wednesday.

—Mrs. Lellie T. Colegrove was an Olean visitor Monday.

—Miss "Bee" Oviatt of Farmers Valley was a Smethport visitor Saturday.

—Mrs. F. H. Hungiville entertained the Kensington club at her home on Union street Monday evening.

—Mrs. J. F. Armstrong of Norwich advertises a Millinery Opening on March 10; also a line of ladies dresses, etc. See the ad. on page three.

—Mrs. G. O. Chase was an Olean visitor Saturday and Sunday.

—Crytal Cunningham attended the dance at Betula Monday night.

—Mrs. J. B. Eastman entertained the Auction Bridge club at her home on King street Monday evening.

—Mrs. Martha Palmer and Mrs. Andrew Palmer of Detroit, Mich., are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. A. Schoonmaker.

—The condition of Mrs. J. C. Cunningham who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks remains practically unchanged.

—Mrs. F. M. Spanogle visited Olean Wednesday, the guest of her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook of Coleman street.

—Alfred Bush, who has been in his country's service for several months has received his honorable discharge and returned to his home in this borough Saturday evening. Camp life evidently agreed with this popular young man for he is looking fine.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. Erhart of Kane spent the week end in Smethport with their daughter, Mrs. Sidney Burdick.

—Mrs. Ruth Conner, who is teaching at Ludlow spent Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Oviatt at Farmers Valley.

—Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and the regular lenten services were held in St. Luke's Episcopal and St. Elizabeth's Catholic churches.

—Prof. and Mrs. Renn and the teachers of the Smethport schools were pleasantly entertained at a recent teachers' meeting at the home of Mrs. L. K. Hogarth.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Clayton Backus and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brasted are among the many from this place in attendance at the Automobile Show at Bucalo, N. Y., this week.

—Mrs. Mary Malone was called to Ridgway Saturday on account of the critical condition of her husband, Owen Malone, who passed away shortly after her arrival at his bedside.

—Miss Gladys Nourse and William Gallup, high school students, delivered very interesting four-minute speeches at the Star theater, Saturday night, urging everyone to contribute to the Armenian—Syrian relief fund.

—Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy and two sons who have made their home in Erie, Pa., for some time, have returned to Smethport and are now living in her own home on East Main street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shultz returned Monday evening from their wedding trip and are now pleasantly located in the Sasse house on the corner of Mechanic street and Rose Hill Ave.

—Mrs. C. E. Walker and daughter, Edna, who are spending the winter with Mrs. Walker's father, Mr. M. S Comes, on Marvin Creek, spent Saturday with relatives and friends in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McKiernan left Thursday for Oklahoma, where Mr McKiernan will resume his work in the oil fields. Both went back greatly improved in health to the delight of their many friends.

—B. T. Garlick returned Saturday from a business trip to Philadelphia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Quirk have rented the Julia O'Brien house on Bank street and are preparing to move into the same at an early date.

—The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Nellis, corner Bank and Mechanic streets Tuesday evening, March 11. The program will be in charge of East End W. C. T. U. Everybody invited. Business meeting begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. Guy Margeson has accepted the call of the Baptist church of this borough and will occupy the pulpit in the local church next Sunday. Rev. Margeson comes highly recommended and will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Evans on Bank street.

—Mrs. Claude Heinlein and daughter Jane of Kane and Mrs. Fred Freedenblam of Buffalo who have been visiting at the home of M. W. Heinlein and family for the past week left yesterday for Kane. Later Mrs. Heinlein will accompany her sister home to Buffalo for a visit.

—Capt. W. A. Ostrander, U. S. M. C., who is stationed at Camp Dix, N. J., spent Sunday at his home in this borough. Capt. Ostrander stopped over on his way back to his station from Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., where he had taken a large number of wounded men recently returned from overseas.

—Mrs. Carl Simar of Buffalo was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Otto, Monday. Mrs. Simar left for Olean in the afternoon where her husband has been a patient in the hospital for the past two weeks, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Simar is making a rapid recovery and expects to be able to leave the hospital to-day.

—The Kane Republican, Saturday says: C. B. Hector, representative of the Camp Window Glass factory at Huntingdon, W. Va., who has been spending a few days here securing box shop men, returned to that place this morning. He was accompanied by Axel Anderson, Chris Christenson, Walter Johnson and Dan B. Brooder local glass workers who have accepted positions there in the box shop. The crew consisted of nine men, the other five having been secured at Port Allegany and Smethport.

—Leona Hogarth, who in private life is Mrs. Leonard Doyle, has comfenced a New York engagement with May Irwin in a new musical play, "Raising the Auntie," which bids fair to be one of the bix successes of the season. Mrs. Doyle, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth of Smethport has made a splendid record since she entered her chosen profession a few seasons ago, her success being instantaneous. She first appeared in an impotant role in the production of "Everywoman" and later created a sensation in the leading cities of the country by her splendid rendition of the role of "Frailty" in the production of "Experience," with which attraction she recently finished a long engagement. It is easy to predict a new triumph for this gifted young actress in "Raising the Auntie."

—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Comes were Olean visitors Monday.

—F. J. Boyd of Pittsburgh was a Smethport visitor this week.

—U. B. Russell of Coudersport was in town Tuesday on business.

—F. M. Nash of Bradford was transacting business in town Tuesday.

—H. M. Wick of Bradford was a Smethport business visitor Tuesday.

—Mrs. Sheridan Gorton and Mrs. Wright Smith were Olean visitors yesterday.

—Mrs. and Mrs. S. F. Reddeld are in Buffalo this week to attend the Automobile Show.

—A party of young people held a dancing party at Holder's Hall Tuesday evening.

—A. L. Gallup made a business trip to Buffalo last Thursday returning Friday night.

—Mrs. Pinney of Coudersport is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Mary Malone.

—Last Friday Sheriff E. W. Jones took the prisoners sentenced at the last term of court to Pittsburgh and Morganza.

—It has not been necessary for residents of this section to go south this winter to enjoy nice weather, as without any exception we have experienced one of the mildest and most agreeable winters ever known. The month of March so far has been ideal and the blue birds, robins and other feathered beauties have made their appearance in this place.

—Earl McCarthy has received his honorable discharge from the army and has returned to his home in this place. Earl saw much severe service while overseas and went through the hell of fighting in the Argonne woods. He was wounded in the ankle during a battle on that bloody ground and spent weeks in hospitals as a result. The injured member has healed but will never be quite the sturdy ankle it was before the war. "Micky" is not at all favorably impressed with Europe and says he would not exchange the smallest cross-roads hamlet in America for all the cities overseas.

—The Pennsylvania Baptist Conference held at Port Allegany Thursday and Friday, Feb. 27-28 was a feast of good things for those who were so fortunate as to be present. Rev. Soars and Rev. Killian of Philadelphia, and Rev. Stilwell, D.D., of Cincinnatti were present and delivered excellent addresses on the different phases of Evangelism. There were five sessions and those present received great inspiration and help. The following represented the Smethport Baptist church: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gallup Miss Mary Emblet, J. W. Butzer, E W. Strong, Rev. Guy L. Margeson, S B. Holcomb and Mrs. F. M. Spanogle.

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When the Colorado Burst Its Banks and Flooded the Imperial Valley of California

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—K. C. Rickard, an engineer of the Overland Pacific, is called to the office of President Marshall in Tucson, Ariz. "Casey" is an enigma to the office force; he wears "dude" clothes, but he had resigned a chair of engineering in the East to go on the road as a fireman and his promotion had been spectacular. While waiting for Marshall Rickard reads a report on the ravages of the Colorado, despite the efforts of Thomas Hardin of the Desert Reclamation company. This Hardin had been a student under Rickard and had married Gerty Holmes, with whom Rickard had fancied he was in love.

CHAPTER II—Marshall tells Rickard the Overland Pacific has got to step in to save the Imperial Valley and sends him to the break. Rickard declines because he does not want to supplant Hardin, but is won over. "Stop the river; damn the expense," says Marshall.

CHAPTER III—Rickard journeys to Calexico, sees the irrigated desert and learns much about Hardin and his work.

CHAPTER IV—At the hotel he meets Mr. and Mrs. Hardin and Innes Hardin, Hardin's half sister. Disappointed in her husband and an incorrigible coquette, Mrs. Hardin sets her cap for her former lover and invites him to dinner.

CHAPTER V—Rickard visits the company's offices and takes control. He finds the engineers loyal to Hardin and hostile to him. Estrada, a Mexican, son of the "Father of the Imperial Valley," tells him of the general situation.

"With bath?"

"Bath right across the hall. Only room I've got in the house." The proprietor awarded him the valley stare. "Going to be here long?" He passed the last key on the rack to the darky staggering under a motley of bags and suitcases. Rickard recognized his, and followed.

"I may get you another room tomorrow," called the proprietor after him as he climbed the dusty stairs.

The signals of a new town were waving in the dining room. The majority of the citizens displayed their shirt sleeves and unblushing suspenders. One large table was surrounded by men in khaki; the desert soldiers, engineers. The full blown waitresses, elaborately pompadoured, were pushing through the swing-doors, carrying heavy trays. Coquetry appeared to be their occupation, rather than meat-serving, the diners accepting both varieties of attention with appreciation. The supremacy of those superior maidens was menaced only by two other women who sat at a table near the door. Rickard did not see them at first. The room was as masculine as a restaurant in a new mining town.

Rickard left his indoor view to look through the French windows opening on a side street. He noticed a slender but regular procession. All the men passing fell in the same direction.

"Cocktail some," explained one of his neighbors, his mouth full of boiled beef.

"Oyster cocktail?" smiled the newcomer.

"The real thing! Calexico's dry, like the whole valley; that is, the county. See that ditch? That is Mexico, on the other side. Those sheds you can see are in Mexicali. Calexico's twin sister. That painted adobe is the custom house. Mexicali's not dry, even in summer! You can bet your life on that. You can get all the bad whisky and stale beer you've the money to buy. We work in Calexico, and drink in Mexicali. The temperance pledge is kept better in this town than any other town in the valley. But you can see this procession every night."

The Amazon with a handkerchief apron brought Rickard his soup. He was raising his first spoonful to his mouth when he saw the face, carefully

He Saw the Face, Carefully Averted.

averted, of the girl he had met at the Marshalls' table, Innes Hardin. His eyes jumped to her companions, the man a stranger, and then, Gerty Holmes. At least, Mrs. Hardin! Somehow, it surprised him to find her pretty.

She had achieved a variety of distinction, preserving, moreover, the clear-cut babyish chin which had made its early appeal to him. There was the same fluffy hair, its ringlets a bit artificial to his more sophisticated eyes, the same well-turned nose. He had been wondering about this meeting; he found that he had been expecting some sort of shock—who said that the love of today is the jest of tomorrow? The discovery that Gerty was not a jest brought the surprised gratification which we award a letter or composition written in our youth. Were we as clever as that, so complete at eighteen or twenty-one? Could we now, with all our experience, do any better, or indeed as well? That particular sentence with wings! Could we make it fly today as it soared yesterday? Rickard was finding that Gerty's more mature charms did not accelerate his heart-beats, but they were certainly flattering to his early judgment. And he had expected her to be a shock!

He was staring into his plate of chilled soup. Calf-love! For he had loved her, or at least he had loved her chin, her pretty childish way of lifting it. She was prettier than he had pictured her. Queer that a man like Hardin could draw such women for sister and wife—the blood tie was the most amazing. For when women come to marry, they make often a queer choice. It occurred to him that that might have been Hardin—he had not wanted to stare at them.

That was not Hardin's face. It held strength and power. The outline was sharp and distinct, showing the strong lines, the determined mouth of the pioneer. There was something else, something which stood for distinction—no, it couldn't be Hardin.

And then, because an outthrust lip changed the entire look of the man, Rickard asked his table companions, who was the man with the two ladies, near the door.

"That, suh," his neighbor from Alabama became immediately oratorical, "that is a big man, suh. If the Imperial valley ever becomes a reality, a fixtuah, it will be because of that one man, suh. Reclamation is like a seed thrown on a rock. Will it stick? Will it take root? Will it grow? That is what we all want to know."

Rickard thought that he had wanted to know something quite different, and reminded the gentleman from Alabama that he had not told him the name.

"The father of this valley, of the reclamation of this desert, Thomas Hardin, suh."

Rickard tried to reset, without attracting their attention, the group of his impressions of the man whose personality had been so obnoxious to him in the old Lawrence days. The Hardin he had known had also large features, but of the flaccid irritating order. He summoned a picture of Hardin as he had shuffled into his own classroom, or up to the long table where Gerty had always queened it among her mother's boarders. He could see the rough unpolished boots that had always offended him as a betrayal of the man's inner coarseness; the badly fitting coat, the long awkward arms, and the satisfied, loud-speaking mouth. These features were more definite. Could time bring these changes? Had he changed, like that? Had they seen him? Would Gerty, would Hardin remember him? Wasn't it his place to make himself known; wave the flag of old friendship over an awkward situation?

He found himself standing in front of their table, encountering first, the eyes of Hardin's sister. There was no surprise, no welcome there for him. He felt at once the hostility of the camp. His face was uncomfortably warm. Then the childish profile turned on him. A look of bewilderment, flushing into greeting—the years had been kind to Gerty Holmes!

"Do you remember me, Rickard?"

If Hardin recognized a difficult situation, he did not betray it. It was a man Rickard did not know who shook him warmly by the hand, and said that indeed he had not forgotten him.

"I've been expecting you. My wife, Mr. Rickard; and my sister."

"Why, what are you thinking of, Tom? To introduce Mr. Rickard! I introduced you to each other, years ago!" Gerty's cheeks were red. Her bright eyes were darting from one to the other. "You knew he was coming, and did not tell me?"

"You were at the Improvement club when the telegram came," put in Innes Hardin, without looking at Rickard. No trace of the Tucson cordiality in that proud little face! No acknowledgment that they had met at the Marshall's!

"Oh, you telegram, had to us?" The bland arch smile had not aged. "That was friendly and nice."

Rickard had not been self-conscious for many a year. He did not know what to say. He turned from her upturned face to the others. Innes Hardin was staring out of the window, over the heads of several crowded tables; Hardin was gazing at his plate. Rickard decided that he would get out of this before Gerty discovered that it was neither "friendly nor nice."

"If I had known that you were here, I would have insisted on your dining with us, in our tent. For it's terrible, here, isn't it?" She flashed at him the look he remembered so vividly, the childish coquettish appeal. "We dine at home, till it becomes tiresome, and then we come foraging for variety. But you must come to us, say Thursday. Is that right for you? We should love it."

Still those two averted faces. Rickard said Thursday, as he was bidden, and got back to his table, wondering why in thunder he had let Marshall persuade him to take this job.

Hardin waited a scant minute to protest: "What possessed you to ask him to dinner?"

"Why shouldn't I? He is an old friend." Gerty caught a glance of appeal, from sister to brother. "Jealous?" she pouted charmingly at her lord.

"Jealous, no!" bluffed Hardin.

He thought then that she knew, that Innes had told her. The Lawrence episode held no sting to him. Once it had enchanted him that he had carried off the boarding-house belle, whom even that bookman had found desirable—bookman! A superior dude! He had always had those grand airs. As if it were not more to a man's credit to struggle for his education, even if he were older than his class, or his teacher, than to accept it off silver plates, handed by lackeys? Rickard had always acted as if it had been something to be ashamed of. It made him sick.

"They've done it this time. It's a fool choice."

Again, that look of pleading from Innes. Gerty had a shiver of intuition.

"Fool choice?" Her voice was ominously calm.

Hardin shook off Innes' eyes. Better be done with it! "He's the new general manager."

"He's the general manager!"

"I'm to take orders from him."

Gerty's silence was of the stunned variety. The Hardins watched her crumbling bread on the tablecloth, thinking, fearfully, that she was going to cry.

"Didn't I tell you?" Her voice, repressed, carried the threat of tears. "Didn't I tell you how it would be? Didn't I say that you'd be sorry if you called the railroad in?"

"Must we go over this again?" asked her husband.

"Why didn't you tell me? Why did you let me make a goose of myself?" She was remembering that there had been no protest, no surprise from Innes. She knew! A family secret! She shrugged. "I'm glad, on the whole, that you planned it as a surprise. For I carried it off as if we'd not been insulted, disgraced."

"Gerty!" expostulated Hardin.

"Gerty!" implored Innes.

"And we are in for a nice friendly dinner!"

"Are you quite finished?" Hardin got up.

As the three passed out of the dining room, Rickard caught their several expressions: Hardin's stiff, indifferent; Gerty's brilliant but hard, as she flashed a finished, brave little smile in his direction. The sister's bow was distinctly haughty.

In the hall, Gerty's laugh rippled out. It was the laugh Rickard remembered, the light frivolous cadence which recalled the flamboyant pattern of the Holmes' parlor carpet, the long, crowded dining table where Gerty had reigned. It told him that she was indifferent to his coming, as she meant it should. And it turned him back to a dark corner in the honeysuckle-draped porch where he had spent so many evenings with her, where once he had held her hand, where he told her that he loved her. For he had loved her, or at least he thought he had! And had run away from her expectant eyes. A cad, was he, because he had brought that waiting look into her eyes, and had run from it?

Should a man ask a woman to give her life into his keeping until he is quite sure that he wants it? He was revamping his worn defense. Should he live up to a minute of surrender, of tenderness, if the next instant brings sanity, and disillusionment? He could bury now forever self-reproach. He could laugh at his own vanity. Gerty Hardin, it was easy to see, had forgotten what he had whispered to Gerty Holmes. They met as sober old friends. That ghost was laid.

CHAPTER V.

A Game of Checkers.

The uneasy mood of the desert, the wind-blown sand, drove people indoors the next morning. Rickard was served a substantial, indifferently cooked breakfast in the dining room of the Desert hotel, whose limitations were as conspicuous to the newcomer as they were nonexistent to the other men. They were finding it a soft contrast to sand-blown tents, to life in the open.

Later he wandered through the group of staring idlers in the office, past the popular soda stand and the few chair-tilters on the sidewalk, going on, as if without purpose, to the railroad sheds, and then on, down to the offices of the Desert Reclamation company. He discovered it to be the one engaging spot in the hastily thrown-together town. There were oleanders, rose and white, blooming in the patch of purple blooming alfalfa that stood for a lawn. Morning-glories clambered over the supports of the veranda, and on over the roof. Rickard's deductions led him to the Hardins.

What school of experience had so changed the awkward country fellow? He had resented his rivalry, not that he was a rival, but that he was a boor. His kisses still warm on her lips, and she had turned to welcome, to coquet with Tom Hardin! The woman who was to be his wife must be steadier than that! It had cooled his fever. Not for him the aspen who could shake and bend her pretty boughs to each rough breeze that blew!

Men tossed into a desert, fighting to keep a foothold, do not garland their offices with morning-glories! Was it the gracious quiet influence of a wife, a Gerty Hardin? The festive building he was approaching was as unexpected—as Captain Brandon! Rickard walked on, smiling.

He was fairly blown into the outer room, the door banging behind him. Every one looked up at the noisy interruption. There were several men in the long room. Among them two alert, clean-faced youths, college graduates, or students out on furlough, the kind of stuff in his class at Lawrence. Three of the seasoned, road-coached type were leaning their chairs against the cool thick walls. One was puffing at a cigar. The other, a big, shy giant, was drawing clouds of comfort from a pipe. There was a telegraph operator at work in one end of the room, her instrument rapidly clicking. In an opposite corner was a telephone exchange. A girl with a metal band around her forehead was punching connections between the valley towns. Rickard lost the feeling of having gone into a remote and isolated region. The twin towns were on the map.

One of the older men returned his nod. The young men returned their hastily withdrawn attention to their game of checkers. The other smoker was watching with cross-eyed absorption the rings his cigar was sending into the air. Rickard might not have been there.

One of the checker players looked up.

"Anything I can do for you? Do you want to see anyone in particular?"

"No," it was admitted. "No one in particular. I was just looking round."

"It's the show place of Calexico. I'll take you around. It is the only place in town that is comfortable when it's

"I'll Take You Around."

hot, or when the wind blows, and that's the program all summer. Take my place, Pete."

Pete, the young giant, with the face of his infancy enlarged rather than matured, slipped into the vacant chair. He had been the first to discover the stranger, but he had evaded the responsibility. The game immediately absorbed him.

"It's nice here," repeated the young fellow, leading the way. They were followed by a few idle glances.

Rickard looked with approval at the tan slim figure which was assuming the courtesy of the towns. The fine handsome face was almost too girlish, the muscles of the mouth too sensitive yet for manly beauty, but he liked the type. Like as a young desert-reared Indian, his manner and carriage told of a careful home and rigid school discipline.

He was ushered into a large cool room. The furnishings he inventoried: a few stiff chairs, a long table and a typewriter desk, closed for the Sabbath.

"The stenographer's room," announced the lad superfluously.

"Whose stenographer"

"General property now. Everyone has a right to use her time. She used to be Hardin's, the general manager's. She is his still, in a way. But Ogilvie keeps her busy most of the time."

Rickard had not heard of Ogilvie. He made a mental register.

"When did Hardin go out?" He knew the date himself. He expected the answer would trail wisps of other information. He had a very active curiosity about Hardin. The man's failures had been spectacular.

The young fellow was thinking aloud. "The dam went November 29th. Hardin was given a decent interval to resign. Of course he was fired. It was an outrage—" He remembered that he was speaking to a stranger and broke off suddenly. Rickard did not question him. He made another note. Why was it an outrage or why did it appear so? In perspective, from the Mexican barranca, where he had been at the time, the failure of that dam had been another bar sinister against Hardin.

"I see that you are from the University of California?" Rickard said, and nodded at the pin of gold and blue enamel.

"Out for a year," glowed the lad. "Dad wanted me to get some real stuff in my head. He said the Colorado would give me more lessons—more real knowledge in a year than I'd get in six at college. I kicked up an awful row—"

The older man smiled. "Of course. You don't want to go back now"

The boy made a wry face. "He expects me to go back in August. Says I must."

"You did not tell me your name," was suggested.

"MacLean, George MacLean," said the young man rather consciously. It was a good deal to live up to. He always felt the appraisement which followed that admission. George MacLean, elder, was known among the railroad circles to be a man of iron, one of the strongest of the heads of the Overland Pacific system. He was not the sort of man a son could speak lightly of disobeying.

"Of course everyone calls me Junior."

"I guess you'll go back if he wants you to," smiled Rickard.

"Oh, but what a rotten trick it would be!" exclaimed the son of the man of iron. "To throw me out of college—I was duffy to finish with my class, and to get me here, to get me interested—and then after I've lost my place to pull me back. Why, there are things happening every day that are a liberal education. They are only just beginning to understand what they are bucking up against. The Colorado's an unknown quantity; even old engineers are right up against it. There are new problems coming up every day. The Indians call her a yellow dragon, but she's a tricky woman, she's an eel; she's giving us sums to break our teeth on."

"Who has the next room?"

"Used to be the general manager's. Ogilvie uses it now."

"And who did you say was Ogilvie?" They turned back into the room.

"You can go in. He's not here. He is the new auditor, an expert accountant from Los Angeles. Put in by the O. P. when it assumed control last year. He used to come down once a month. After Hardin went out he came down to stay."

"Whose say-so?"

"I don't know. The accounts were rotten, that's no office secret. The world knows that. Hardin is blamed for it. It isn't fair. Look at Sather's stone palace in Los Angeles. Look at Hardin's tent, his shabby clothes."

"I'd like to meet Ogilvie," observed the general manager.

"Oh, he's not much to meet. A pale, white-livered vegetarian, a theosophist. You've seen 'em. Los Angeles is full of 'em. He was here when Hardin was fired. You could see him see his opportunity. His chest swelled up. He looked as if he had tasted meat for the first time. He thought that he could woozle into the empty place! He went back to Los Angeles, convinced them that the auditor should be here, protect the company's interests. It sounded mysterious, sleuthlike, as if he had discovered something, so they let him bring the books down here. He is supposed to be ferreting. But he's 'woozling.' He used to be in the outer office. Said the noise made his head ache, so he moved in here. All the committee meetings are held here, and occasionally the directors' meetings. Water companies', too. Ogilvie's taking notes—wants to be the next general manager; it sticks out all over him."

"What's the derivation of woozle?" this with deep gravity.

"Wait till you see Ogilvie!" laughed his entertainer. Then as an afterthought, "This is all public gossip. He's fair game."

The door opened behind them, and Rickard saw the man whose description had been so deftly knocked off. He recognized the type seen so frequently in southern California towns, the pale, damaged exile whose chance of reprieve is conditioned by stern rules of diet and sobriety. It was the temperament which must perforce translate a personal necessity into a religious dogma.

"This gentleman's just—is just looking around," stammered MacLean, blundering, confused.

The vegetarian nodded, taking off his felt sombrero and putting it on a chair with care.

By this time it was apparent that no one save Hardin knew of his coming. He was ahead of Marshall's letters. He did not like the flavor of his entrance.

(Continued next week.)

Useless Precaution.

"I told the minister to leave the word 'obey' out of the marriage ceremony."

"You needn't to have taken the trouble. He is a man who doesn't believe in wasting words."

Easy.

"It is easy to be one sort of philosopher."

"Huh?"

"Easy to deduce that a man's misfortunes are his own fault."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FOLKS WE ALL KNOW

The Checker Champ has the Traveling Man all sewed up and Hollering for Help. The Champ likes to beat Anybody but he Just Dotes on Traveling Men. The Games usually Have a big Audience and Each move is Loudly Cheered. Next Time you Are in Town Drop In and [illegible]

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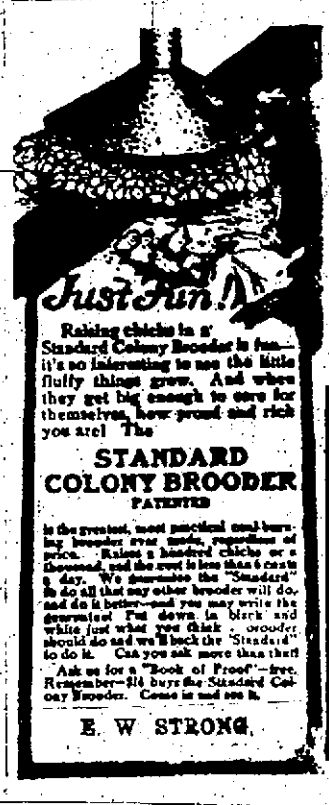
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1 Berkshire Boar, 5 Sows with Pigs and 3 Pigs

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Pair Light Bobs, Lumber Wagon, Wood Wheel Wagon, 2 Light Wagons, Single Buggy, Two-Seated Buggy, Pair Bob Sleds, 2 Sets Double Harnesses, Single Harness, 5 Halters

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The Southernview Dairy Farm of 142 acres, formerly known as the A. B. Armstrong Farm, including 2 Dwelling Houses, 3 Barns, Hog House, 2 Chicken Houses, Ice House, Grainery with mill to grind feed, fully equipped Creamery, Blacksmith Shop, 2 Silos, 10 horsepower Gas Engine, 4 1-2 horsepower Gas Engine and Milking Machine. 30 acres of land plowed for spring planting. 2 gas wells on farm, free gas for all farm use from one and royalty from the other. Well watered from springs.

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Friday and Saturday, March 7th and 8th

THE ONE BIG SHOPPING EVENT OF THE SEASON

Through the co-operation of the Business Men's Association of Olean, the names below will feature this semi-annual event $SPECIAL$DAY$SAVING'S$SALE for you. This is your opportunity to SAVE, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 7th and 8th. Watch the windows THURSDAY for Olean's Greatest Bargains for DOLLAR DAYS. The people of Olean and surrounding towns are most cordially invited to participate. Bring your dollars on $DAYS. If you can't find it at home try OLEAN.

MILLER HARDWARE CO.
137 N. Unida St.,
Display windows will be filled with Special $ Day Bargains from all Depts.

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109 Laurens St., Met. Bldg.,
Special $ Day Bargains in corsets, brassiers and switches

BLACK'S DRUG STORE
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$1.00 Refund on $5.95 purchases for Dollar Days.

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LINBORG MILLINERY
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Remarkable little hats for $1.00 and $1.00 off on hair goods.

THE BARGAIN STORE
304 W. State St.,
$ Saving on all Children's Dresses.

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Lots of good shoes and slippers for $1.00.

CRAMER-LYNCH CO.
123 N. Union St.,
6 yds of Black Rock muslin for $1.00.

REGENT SHOE STORE
233 N. Union St.,
Men' and Women' Shoes $1.00 pr. off at the "REGENT SHOE STORE."

BELL BROS., INC.
157 N. Union St.,
$1.00 Bargains and $ Savings in every department of our store.

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Chas. Nickum, Manager,
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149 N. Union St.,
Many specials on Dollar Days will be offered in each department throughout this BIG STORE

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Watch my window for numerous bargains in jewelry and silverware on $ Days.

SIGMUND LAX CLOTHING STORE
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3 Pairs of 45c "Not a Seam Hose" for $1.00.

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246 N. Union St.,
25 Doz. $200 hats $1.00, also, 1-2 Doz. Triangle Collars $1.00.

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Special for Friday and Saturday 1000 pairs of womens, misses & childrens shoes for $1.00 per pair

THE FITZGERALD COMPANY GOOD CLOTHES,
148 N. Union St.,
We will refund $1 in cash on any suit or overcoat purchased on $ Savings Days.

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154 N. Union St.,
Dress and work shirts $1.25 and $1.50 value, Special $1.00.

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Great Bargains in China Ware on $ Days

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CROSBY

About 150 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Marsh gave them a farwell party in the I. O. R. M. Hall Monday evening. They are leaving here this week ot reside in Portville, N. Y.

Mrs. John Kilcoin and children, Harodl and Gilbert returned to their home in Instanter Tuesday.

Mrs. Hannah White called on her daughter, Lulu Freer, Monday, p. m.

Mrs. Bertha Marsh was a visitor Monday at Mrs. E. W. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Allen were Crosby visitors Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid will serve dinner in the Parish house Thursday. All are invited.

Mrs. Mable Baily, who is seriously ill is a little better at this writing.

The many friends of Fred Bloomster are pleased to hear he is a little better, and hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Frank Bloomster returned home this morning from Camp Merritt, N. J., where he has been visiting his brother, Fred.

LARABEE

Dr. Wm. R. Agate of Emporium celebrated Holy Communion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Studholm of Smethport was a business visitor in town recently.

Earl Carpenter of Mt. Alton visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carpenter, the latter part of the week.

Reymond Rice was in Olean, Saturday.

W. T. Wilmon of Stulltown was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ginlusha of Eldred were Sunday evening visitors here.

Miss Lethe Wood of Fowler Brook was a week-end guest of Miss Alberta Rice.

Theodore Johnson visited High School Monday.

Fred Rice is ill with a bad cold.

John Ellis, Jr., of Windfall spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. Earl Bush of Westfield, Pa., visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. neVoly Washburn of Moody Hollow.

E. B. McCoy of Smethport called in town Monday.

Messrs. Evans and Hahn of Bradford were in town last week with men and teams delivering telephone poles where needed between Port Allegany and Bullis Mills.

Th Wilson and English Construction Company completed their work on the new highway and are closing up their business here.

WEDDING AT NORWICH.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs J. F Armstrong, the latter daughter of the groom, at 4:00 o'clock Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1919, the words were spoken that united in wedlock D. C. Haynes and Livia A. Lewis, both of Betula. Only children and grandchildren of the two parties being present. The bride wore grey satin and carried white roses. Baby Irene Armstrong little gdanddaughter of the groom was ring bearer. Guests from out of town were: Chas. Sanders, of Espheming, Mich,; Mrs. Chas Auchu and daughter Helen, Mrs. Alex McAuley, Mrs. Celia Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Haynes of Emporium. "Daddy" Haynes is crowding his 67th year and his wife her 58th year. We say they will both be of age in the spring. Here is wishing them many long and happy years of married life.

Claude Green and wife have returned from Olean where they spent a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilber were out of town visitors Wednesday.

Jim Butler is very proud of a pair of twin calves that he is showing his friends. Their mother is Armstrong's big Holstein cow "Rexie."

Mrs. Peeling and Mrs. Powers were Keating Summit visitors this week.

Miss Clara Krebs has returned from a two weeks visit with friends in Buffalo.

Norwich dogs are under a 100 day quarantine owing to a mad dog being killed here about a week ago. We understand that the dog came from New City and if that be the case, other towns had better be on the lookout for mad dogs in the near future.

Wm. McCloskey, Claud Green, Frank Kelley, Harry Jones and Frank Ovlatt had a sad experience coming from Smethport Saturday night. I think they know what mud means—from Colegrove anyway.

BETULA.

Live News Jottings from a Hustling Community

The most exciting game of basket ball was played Friday evening when our boys were defeated on their own floor by the fast Port Allegany team. Score was 12 to 16 in favor of Port.

Mr. Jay McGee died at his home Sunday morning at 2 o'clock.

B rg Searfross of C'ermont was a caller at E. E. Burdick's Saturday.

Jim Crandall, a middle-aged man was found Monday morning in a camp on the Clermont road, frozen to death.

Marie Marsh has returned home from the Ridgway hospital where she underwent an operation on her throat, having her tonsils removed. Marie is recovering slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dodge were Smethport visitors Sunday.

A building belonging to Frank Ovlatt burned Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith of Norwich were Keystone visitors Sunday.

A number of the young ladies of Betula practiced basket ball Saturday evening. At last they have gotten the spirit of the season.

John Wallace and Vern Marsh of Crosby were Betula callers Sunday. I wonder what their attraction is in Betula?

LAFAYETTE

A Tribute to the Late Edwanrd Mowery. Discharged Soldier.

Our little neighborhood was unspeakably saddened when on Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, word was received from the Bradford hospital that Edward Mowery, whose illness was mentioned in our last letter to the Miner, had succumbed to that dread disease pneumonia, the end coming quietly and peacefully at 5:45 P. M.

Edward Mowery aged 27 years was born at Port Allegany, where he resided until about eight years ago when he came to this vicinity to seek employment and he has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. S. Black since that time, until last June when his country called him and he entered service as a private, being stationed at Camp Lee. Only last Friday Ed., as he was popularly known, received his discharge papers and pleased at the prospect of getting home made all possible haste to get back to the "hill" and to friends who were anxiously awaiting his return. He got as far as Custer City where illness overtook himat the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. O'Neil, whence he was taken to Bradford hospital, never reaching his earthly habitule, but entering into his Eternal Home, where we hope he is happy and at rest.

The passing of this young soldier will be greatly deplored by all who knew him, for during his residence here he had by his quiet unassuming manner won for himself a place in the hearts of many friends and his demise leaves a gap which will not soon be filled, and the sympathy of all is extended to the surviving members, his father, two brothers and two sisters.

The remains were taken on the 4:40 P. M. P. R. R. train Thursday to Port Allegany, where funeral and interment took place. Mr. S. Black, Edgar and Rena Black and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor attended the obsequies.

"Life's work well done
Life's Crown well won
And now comes—rest."

WANTED.

To buy a wagon box in good condition 39 inches wide by 12 foot long. Kindly leave information at Dennings' Meat Market. 3t***

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Estate of N. F. Ferris, Late of Keating Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration on the above Estate, having been granted February 14th, 1919, by the Register of Wills of the said County of McKean to Hamlin Bank & Trust Company of Smethport Borough in the County aforesaid: request is hereby made to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Decedent to immedately make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent, to make payment thereof, to the said Administrator without delay.

Hamlin Bank & Trust Company,
Administrator.
Smethport, Pa., February 15, 1919
Sheridan Gorton, Atty. adv3w6.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the floral offerings and acts of kindness rendered at the loss of our grandfather, Ransom Burdick.

adv10w Elmer Burdick and family.

AUDITORS' REPORT OF NORWICH TOWNSHIP ROAD FUND.

for the year ending on the first Monday in Dec. 1918.

Receipts.

Balance in Township Treasury from preceding years		$1947.60
Amount of cash collected on Road Tax duplicate from first Monday in Dec. 1917 to first Monday in Dec. 1918	$2000.00	
Amount of cash collected on old Road Tax duplicates issued prior to first Mon. in Dec. 1917 not previously reported	85.40	
Amount received from County Commissioners as Road Tax on unseated land from first Mon. in Dec. 1917 to first Mon. in Dec. 1918	3069.89	5775.88
Amount received from State as Cash Tax Bonus during period from first Mon. in Dec. 1917 to first Mon. in Dec. 1918		403.88
Amount received from Work on State Highway		51.00
Amount received from other sources		30.00
Total amount available for road purposes		$8207.20

Expenditures

Expended for repairs or maintenance of roads, including sluices	$5399.94
Expended for new tools and machinery	1327.78
Expended for repairs to tools and machinery	40.35
Expended for wages of Roadmasters	255.00
Expended for compensation to Collector 1917	118.77
Expended for compensation to Treasurer and Secretary	156.25
Miscellaneous expenditures and policeman wages	661.37
Total expenditures	$7959.40
Balance in Treasury, December, 1918	247.80
	$8207.20

We, the Auditors of Norwich Township, having examined the above accounts find them correct, and herewith attach our hand and seal.

A. G. McALLISTER,
C. M. BENSON,
W. A. HULETT,
Auditors.

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Any reader having a relative or friend in this line of work will confer a favor by bringing this notice to his attention.

McKEAN COUNTY MINER
Smethport, Pa.